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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Wim VANDERBAUWHEDE, et al.

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR ECHO CANCELLING

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47 (a)

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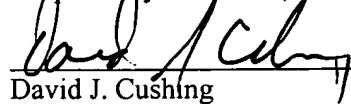
Sir:

Applicants hereby petition to be permitted to proceed with the above application in the absence of an oath or declaration executed by one of the multiple inventors.

The circumstances are fully set forth in the attached declaration of Caroline Heyndrickx and need not be repeated in detail here. The inventor Damien Macq has left the employ of the assignee of the is application, and due to a dispute as to terms of departure has refused to execute the required formal papers for proceeding in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The assignee will continue to attempt to obtain signature by Mr. Macq.

A check for the surcharge of \$130.00 is attached. Please also charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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